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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-87: Probable Developments within the European Satellites, through Mid-1955

1. This estimate follows closely the form of NIE-33: Soviet Control of the European Satellites and their Economic and Military Contributions to Soviet Power, through Mid-1953, published on 7 November 1951. The basic situation in the Satellites has not changed much since the issuance of NIE-33, and the conclusions of the present estimate are in substance much like those of the previous paper.

2. No significant differences of opinion between agency representatives emerged during the preparation of this estimate. It is possible, however, that the Air Force may introduce a footnote commenting on the reliability of the evidence for the economic conclusions of the estimate.

3. We understand that the subject of the Satellites is on the Planning Board agenda for May 20. With this deadline in mind, the estimate was pushed rather rapidly through the last stages of its preparation.

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